

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 12, 2015.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Michlewitz of Boston in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Michlewitz), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Barrows of Mansfield and Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating Thomas Denham on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Thomas Denham.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Barrows of Mansfield and Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating Christopher Litchfield on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Christopher Litchfield.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Calter of Kingston) congratulating Andrew R. Gibbons on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Andrew R. Gibbons.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Carol A. Mollica on the occasion of her retirement; and Carol A. Mollica.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Vincent of Revere) congratulating Philip I. DeAngelo on the occasion of his ninety-fifth birthday; Philip I. DeAngelo.

Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the per centum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2014 compared with such index for the year 2013 (House, No. 54), was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Cost-of-living adjustment,—retirees.

Communication.

A communication from the special commission established (see Section 44 of Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2014) to investigate the expansion and enhancement of the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Access (MABHA) website operated by the office of Medicaid's behavioral health vendor, was placed on file. Behavioral Health Access.

Petition.

Robin
Allen,—
sick leave.

Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian M. Ashe for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Robin Allen, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Mr. Marino of Quincy, for the temporary committee on Rules and the temporary committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smola of Palmer, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred, on motion of Mr. Ashe, to the temporary committee on Rules. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the suspension of Joint Rule 12.

Emergency Measure.

Michele
Shuman,—
sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michele Shuman, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 45), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 8 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

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At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett (Mr. Michlewitz of Boston being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-four minutes before five o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Michlewitz in the Chair.

Emergency Measure.

Budget
shortfall.

The engrossed Bill addressing the fiscal year 2015 budget shortfall (see House, No. 52), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Representatives Campanale of Leicester and Frost of Auburn then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Albert L. Nash, a member of the House from Leicester from 1965 to 1974, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at the hour of five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Michlewitz of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.